

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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5 DECEMBER 1962
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1. Cuba

a. Kuznetsov says withdrawal of forty-two IL-28s will begin today.. Three ships will be involved: the OKHOTSK departs Nuevitas (port on north coast of Camaguey Province) today with twelve on board; the KASIMOV and the KRASNOGRAD depart Mariel (west of Havana) tomorrow or Friday with fifteen each aboard.

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e. Cuba has filed with the UN Secretariat a draft declaration for presentation in the Security Council. It is wholly unacceptable to us, and Stevenson has pointed out to Kuznetsov that it might be better to have no Security Council meeting on the declaration if it stands.

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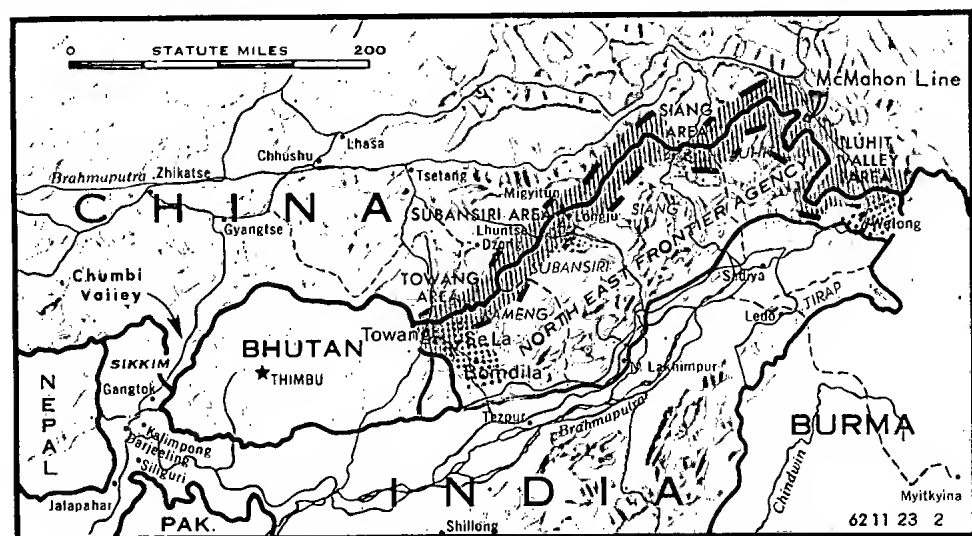
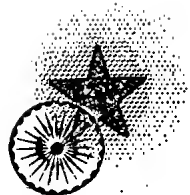
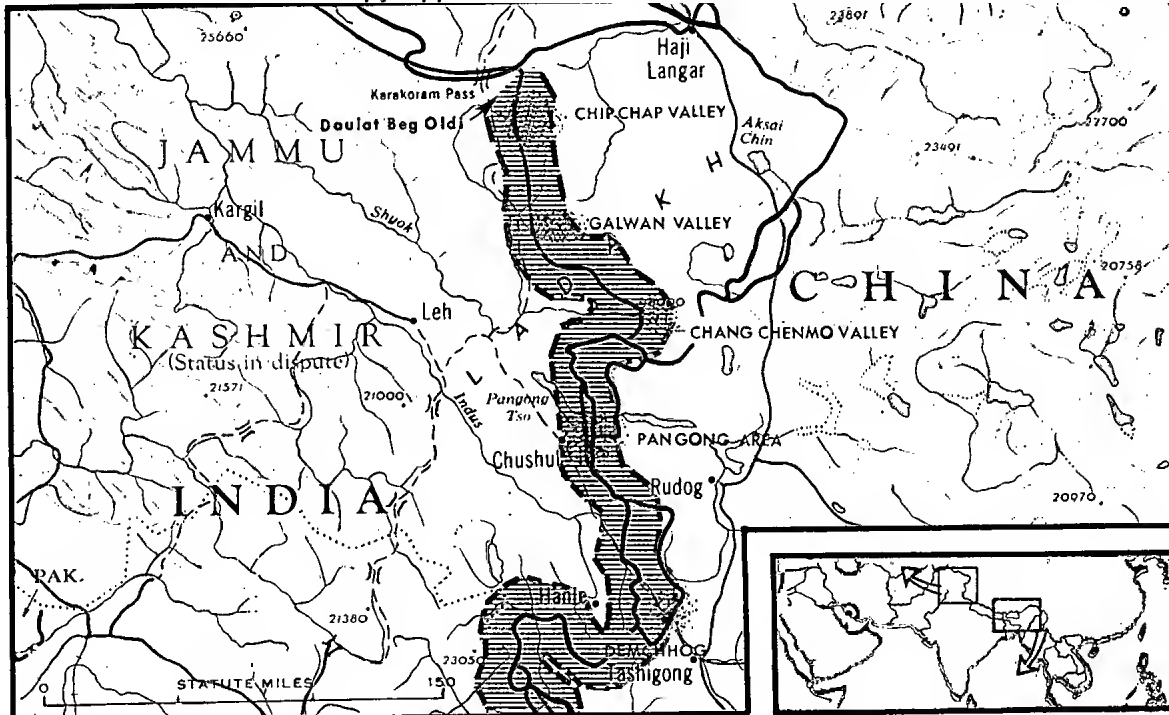
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g. One of the coast-defense cruise missile sites (at La Sierra on the south coast near Cienfuegos) now appears abandoned. We have no explanation for this yet, but are watching the others.

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COMMUNIST CHINA / INDIA BORDER AREAS

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- Areas Chinese have occupied since 20 October
- Boundary shown on recent Chinese Communist maps (Where differing from US and Western maps)
- Boundary shown on recent India maps (Where differing from US and Western maps)
- Boundary shown on most US and Western maps
- Road or track
- 21020 Spot height (in feet)
- Pass

Chinese-proposed Demilitarized Zone--based on November 1959 "Line of Actual Control"--shown in Peiping's People's Daily of 11 November 1962.

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2. India-China-Pakistan

a. Pakistani officials plan to move as quickly as possible toward opening talks with India at the ministerial level, perhaps this weekend.

b. The Indian High Commissioner in Karachi [redacted]

[redacted] expressed his belief that Pakistani hopes have been built up too high, since, he says, India really has nothing to offer. He said this was especially true of the Vale of Kashmir, which is the key to Ladakh and essential to Indian efforts to recover lost territory there.

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c. This fits with Indian policy

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d. The Soviets have been telling the Indians [redacted] that the USSR is fully sympathetic to India on the border dispute with China. They suggest that India agree to talk with the Chinese without, however, either accepting or rejecting the Chinese cease-fire proposal.

e. Nehru is in Assam to look over the front lines and cease-fire himself.

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f. The Chinese press today charges the Indians with a "provocative" intrusion (by two soldiers in a jeep) in Ladakh. It makes much of Chinese restraint in holding fire.

g. One of the soldiers was wounded by a mine which Peiping says had been planted earlier by Indian forces. This raises the possibility that the Chinese will mine their cease-fire zone heavily.

h. Troop movements from China into Tibet have continued since the cease-fire.

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3. Laos

a. Phoumi is now in Hanoi.

b. He left Peiping yesterday after obtaining a promise of a long-term loan (amount unspecified) for industrial construction. The Chinese also said they would consider a Laotian request to extend the road they have been building from China into Laos.

c. We expect further moves to restrict our airlift operations now that the Soviet planes are arriving in Vientiane.

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d. Souphannouvong says that further incidents can only be avoided if we confine our planes to territory controlled by the rightists.

e. The Soviet ambassador in Vientiane freely acknowledged Pathet Lao responsibility for the shoot-down of our plane. Ambassador Unger gained the impression in a friendly talk with him Monday that Afanassiev will have words with the Pathet Lao on the matter, but he is not sure how much weight they will carry.

f. Afanassiev says the Soviet aircraft will be formally turned over to Souvanna, but that Soviet technicians will remain "for several months."

4. Yemen

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b. Fighting in the north and east continues following attacks by royalists near Sada and Sirwah.

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5. Cambodia-
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a. France apparently will leave to us the job of getting some of the more objectionable provisions out of Sihanouk's draft neutrality guarantee.

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c. Ambassador Bohlen does not think that even a message from the President to De Gaulle will alter his obvious determination to conduct policy in Southeast Asia independently of us and the British, but he thinks it worth a try.

6. Congo

a. Tshombé is in the hinterland making noises about a Katangan federation with Northern Rhodesia. It is mostly talk so far, but Consul Dean believes Tshombé may become convinced this is the best way out.

b. Adoula has not yet made up his mind about coming to New York.

[redacted] he and Kasavubu are due to arrive in Bukavu, in Kivu province, tomorrow.
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B. Turkey [redacted] influential military officers sent abroad two years ago to cool off are now being allowed to return. The political ardor of these radical, reformist "young Turks" is undiminished and we expect they will become a nucleus around which other extremists will gather.

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C. Cuba-Cambodia Sihanouk has accepted an invitation to visit Cuba next February and has indicated he will be sending an ambassador to Havana in January. [redacted]

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D. Argentina Economy Minister Alsogaray and his entire economic team resigned last night in response to heavy pressure from every quarter. He had been able to hold on by selling himself as indispensable in obtaining foreign aid, but his domestic program has been thoroughly ineffective in curbing inflation, bankruptcies, unemployment, and worker unrest.

E. USSR Two articles by top Soviet Rocket Forces commanders have appeared in the Soviet press in the past few days. They again put forth standard Soviet claims to superiority in intercontinental missiles and success in anti-missile defense. As usual, however, neither is specific in saying what grounds there are for the boast, and both avoid claiming an operational anti-missile system.

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DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

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